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"We will step up our efforts to combat gender-based violence and harmful practices, including honour-related violence and oppression. All forms of violence, including physical, psychological, economic and sexual violence, must stop. It is about the right to live your life as you choose and decide over your own body and finances. We also need to focus more on justice and gender equality in health, and on the right of all women and men to a good working environment."

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Action programme against men’s violence against women, domestic violence and honour-based violence and oppression

24 June 2024

The Government is now presenting an action programme to prevent and combat men’s violence against women, domestic violence, honour-based violence and oppression, and prostitution and human trafficking for the period 2024–2026. The programme contains over 130 initiatives and measures to be undertaken on a broad front at national, regional and local level.

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The Government's new action programme to prevent and combat men's violence against women, domestic violence, honour-based violence and oppression, and prostitution and human trafficking, for the period 2024–2026, contains over 130 initiatives and measures. This is a short version of the action programme.

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[Free and safe without violence and oppression](#)

The Government is working tirelessly to prevent and combat men's violence against women, domestic violence, honour-based violence and oppression, and prostitution and human trafficking. The Government's new action programme for the period 2024–2026 helps reinforce these efforts.

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[Action programme against men's violence against women, domestic violence and honour-based violence and oppression](#)

The Government is now presenting an action programme to prevent and combat men's violence against women, domestic violence, honour-based violence and oppression, and prostitution and human trafficking for the period 2024–2026. The programme contains over 130 initiatives and measures to be undertaken on a broad front at national, regional and local level. The efforts will also be strengthened in four special priority areas for development.

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[Proposal for a national reporting and follow-up system for abducted children and adults](#)

The Swedish Gender Equality Agency has been tasked with sharing knowledge about honour-based violence and oppression in connection with stays abroad. The Government has now also tasked the Agency with analyzing and presenting proposals for a national reporting and follow-up system for cases where a child or adult has been taken abroad. This involves determining the scope of the problem and establishing an approach to systematic follow-up.

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[Paulina Brandberg takes part in UN session focusing on economic empowerment](#)

On 10–16 March, Minister for Gender Equality Paulina Brandberg is taking part in the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), also known as the UN women's commission, in New York. The theme of this year's session is combating poverty and how institutions and financing can be strengthened from a gender equality perspective. Ms Brandberg is also hosting the activities arranged by the Nordic Council of Ministers, of which Sweden is holding the Presidency in 2024. Ms Brandberg will hold two policy speeches: Sweden's policy speech and a policy speech for an LGBTI Core Group that includes Sweden.

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[Reinforcement of late-night help line](#)

The Government has approved SEK 3 million in additional funding for 2024 to the National Centre for Knowledge on Men's Violence Against Women at Uppsala University. The aim is to increase staffing of the help line for people subjected to violence, particularly in the evening and at night, to enable more callers to get through and receive support.

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[Time to step up efforts to combat violence and promote gender equality](#)

Preventing and combating men's violence against women, other types of intimate partner violence, and honour-based violence and oppression is a high priority for the Government. More than SEK 600 million will be invested in gender equality in 2024 and government agencies have been assigned several new assignments. The Government is now further strengthening the work towards gender equality and presents investment in women's economic empowerment and to increase knowledge about national minorities' exposure to violence.

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[Government invests SEK 600 million to combat intimate partner and honour-based violence](#)

Preventing and combating men's violence against women and honour-based violence and oppression is a highly prioritised issue in action for gender equality. Through its gender equality policy, the Government is investing over SEK 600 million in this area in 2024. The appropriation directions given to several government agencies have given them important mandates to strengthen these efforts, which require long-term sustainability and persistence.

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[New centres for preventing work-related crime](#)

The Government prioritises efforts to combat work-related crime, which in its most serious forms can involve human trafficking and human exploitation and is often a source of income for the criminal economy. Several regional centres for preventing work-related crime have opened in Sweden in late 2023. Minister for Gender Equality and Working Life and Deputy Minister for Employment Paulina Brandberg attended the opening of the Stockholm centre in mid-November.

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[Government submits thematic report on implementation of Istanbul Convention](#)

On 26 October, the Government submitted its thematic report to the Council of Europe on how Sweden is implementing the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). Civil society organisations can submit shadow reports on their view of Sweden's implementation of the Convention.

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[Government statement in light of attack in Brussels](#)

Yesterday evening, the Government received the alarming news that two Swedes were killed in a terrorist attack in Brussels. The attack appears to have been aimed at Sweden and Swedish interests. Our thoughts are with the deceased and their relatives.

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[Ministers met with Jewish organisations](#)

On 16 October, Minister for Gender Equality Working Life and Deputy Minister for Employment Paulina Brandberg, Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand and Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed met with representatives of Jewish civil society. The meeting focused on how events in Israel are affecting Jews in Sweden, current challenges and future efforts to combat antisemitism and support Jewish life.

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[Reforms on gender equality, working life and efforts to combat racism and discrimination – Budget Bill for 2024](#)

The Government's Budget Bill for 2024 proposes initiatives to combat and prevent honour-based violence and oppression, and racism and discrimination. The Government also intends to take measures to combat wage guarantee abuse. The proposals are based on an agreement between the Government and the Sweden Democrats. On 20 September, the Government presented the Budget Bill for 2024 to the Riksdag.

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[Speech by Minister for Gender Equality and Working Life Paulina Brandberg at the 111th International Labour Conference](#)

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[Occupational safety and health stocktaking summit](#)

The European Commission and the Swedish Presidency will jointly review the progress of the Commission's Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021–2027 at the Occupational safety and health summit in Stockholm on 15–16 May. The themes include mental health at work, the 'vision zero' approach to work-related deaths, and the impact of climate change on occupational safety and health (OSH).

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[Skills supply and demographic challenges on agenda for informal EU meeting](#)

On 3–4 May, the EU social affairs and labour market ministers will gather in Stockholm for an informal meeting hosted by Minister for Employment and Integration Johan Pehrson and Minister for Older People and Social Security Anna Tenje. Minister for Gender Equality and Working Life Paulina Brandberg will also take part.

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[Conference on Institutional Protection of Fundamental Rights in Times of Crises](#)

On 20–21 April, the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will hold a conference in Lund, focusing on institutional protection of human rights in times of crisis.

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[Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU and European Commission to co-host high level conference on LGBTIQ people's equal rights](#)

On 12 April, participants from throughout the EU will gather to jointly identify and share experiences from their work promoting LGBTIQ people's rights and opportunities. It will also serve as a springboard for continued work on the EU strategy for LGBTIQ people's equal rights.

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